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REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, the specification and claims 59, 66, 68 and 69 have been amended, and claim 67 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

I. Objections to the Specification

The specification stands objected to as containing a reference to a patent application by its patent number when that has subsequently issued. The specification has been amended to identify the patent number of the parent application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The abstract stands objected to as utilizing the word "Disclosed" and being over 150 words in length.

The present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 6,704,604 on September 25, 2003 claiming priority to the parent by serial number and including a Preliminary Amendment canceling claims 1-49 and 57 of the prior application, amending claims 50, 52-56, 58 and 59, adding new claims 61-69, and replacing the abstract. Applicants assume that the Examiner's objection is based on the abstract as it was filed and issued in the parent case. However, as amended in the September 25, 2003 Preliminary Amendment, the abstract for the present divisional application should read as follows:

A system including an implantable defibrillation electrode includes a first layer of porous Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) adjacent to at least one surface of the defibrillation electrode, the first layer of porous PTFE having a fibril length adapted to bleed gas away from the at least one surface of the defibrillation electrode, and a second layer of porous PTFE formed over the first layer, the second layer of porous PTFE having a fibril length adapted to prevent substantially all tissue in-growth.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

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II. Rejections of the Claims

Claims 59 and 66-69 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 59, 66, 68 and 69 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 50 and claim 67 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly, allowance of claims 59, 66, 68 and 69 is respectfully requested.

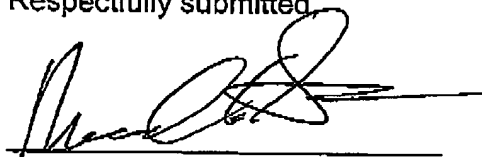
III. Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to those matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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